

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is courteously solicited.

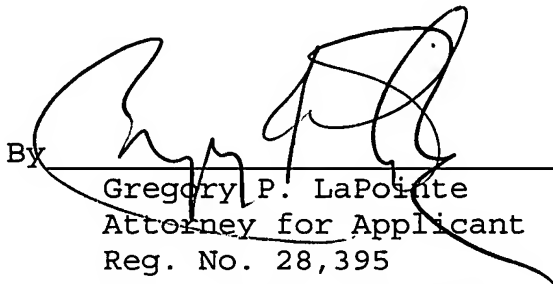
The instant supplemental amendment is made in order to correct an inadvertent typographical error in previously submitted claim 18 and to clarify the foam within the hollow metal external formed part.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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